

--4. (amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the carrier particles comprise a brittle material which will fragmentize easily when compressed.

Amend claim 5 as follows:

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--5. (amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the carrier particles contain from 0.1 to 25 weight percent of the bio/mucoadhesion promoting agent, preferably then from 1 to 13 weight percent, based on the total composition.

Amend claim 8 as follows:

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--8. (amended) A composition according to claim 1, further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable surfactant in a finely dispersed form and intimately mixed with the active agent or agents.

Amend claim 10 as follows:

--10. (amended) A composition according to claim 8, wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of sodium lauryl sulfate polysorbates, bile acid salts and mixtures thereof.

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Amend claim 11 as follows:

--11. (amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the carrier particles comprise a water-soluble, pharmaceutically acceptable carbohydrate and/or an inorganic salt.

Amend claim 13 as follows:

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--13. (amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the carrier particles contain at least one pharma-

ceutical disintegrating agent promoting the dispersion of the microparticles of the active agent or agents over the sublingual mucosa.

Amend claim 15 as follows:

--15. (amended) A composition according to claim 13, wherein the disintegrating agent is present in an amount from 1 to 10 weight percent of the composition.

Amend claim 16 as follows:

--16. (amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically active agent is fentanyl or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Amend claim 17 as follows:

--17. (amended) A composition according to claim 1, for the treatment of acute disorders by sublingual administration.

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The above changes in the claims merely place this national phase application in the same condition as it was during Chapter II of the international phase, with the multiple dependencies being removed. Following entry of this amendment by substitution of the pages, only claims 1-21 remain pending in this application.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."